Red Cross drive begins April 4

Appomattox County Red Cross Fund Drive will begin Friday, April 4, and continue through Wednesday, April 30.

During this time persons serving on the Fund Drive Committee will be making contacts with businesses, individuals and churches throughout the county to ask for their support of the Red Cross. The county goal is $1939.00.

It is impossible to cover all areas of the county, therefore, persons who do wish to contribute by mail may send a check made payable to Appomattox County Red Cross Chapter. Mail to Red Cross, Appomattox, Va. 24522. Or if you wish, give your donation to any of those volunteers working your area. If we have missed your church or business, please let us know. Give as much as you can, help our county meet its goal - every little bit helps and is appreciated. Persons serving on the Fund Drive Committee are: Co-Chairmen Mrs. Edith N. McCormick and Mrs. Nina B. Beasley.

Other campaign representatives and their categories Businesses - Mr. W. M. Abbitt; Town - Mrs. Lorene Morris and Miss Frances McFaden; Churches - Rev. R. Q. Lawing, Mrs. Myrna Nash, Mrs. Alease Cobb, Mrs. Ethel St. John, Mrs. Roberta Austin, Mr. George Abbitt, Mrs. Ruth Drinkard, Mr. Kenneth Marston, Mr. Rob Lucado, Mrs. Shirley Smith, Mrs. Joan Ranson, Mrs. Betty Scruggs, Mrs. Belle Reynolds, Miss Judy Johnson, Mr. Bobby Ferguson, Mrs. Mary Lucas, Mrs. Nancy Litchford, Mrs. Lucy Harvey, Mr. Tony Olesh, Mrs. Irma Johnson, Mrs. Ann Weakley, Mrs. Hazel Lee Martin, Mrs. Jessie Carwile, Mrs. David Smith, Mr. Ronnie Spiggle, Rev. Austin Goodwin, Mrs. Sherman Hunter, Mrs. Russell Bryant, Mrs. Willard Johnson, Mrs. Virginia Bondurant and Mrs. Frances Goin; Route 727 to Red House - Mr. Bill Hunter; 4-H Clubs - Mr. Frank Spear; Parkway Road - Mrs. Elsie Burke; Country Club and Pumping Station Road - Mrs. Betsy Carter and Mrs. Peggy Lawson; Falling River Acres and Walton Place - Misses Laura and Cheryl Walton and Laura Cowan; American Legion Road - Mrs. Helen Gunter and Mrs. Neola Smith; past American Legion Road - Carolyn Dickerson; Police Tower Road - Mrs. Patty Myrick and Mrs. Ruby Williamson; Route 658 - Mrs. Dot Davidson; Hwy. 604, Promise Land Road - Mr. Billy Thompson.

These persons will not be making all of the solicitations, they will have many other volunteers helping.

The strength of the American Red Cross comes from three important factors: the willingness of its volunteers to serve, the unity of the entire organizations and the financial support given by the American people.

For the past 98 years, the American people have given generously to sustain the service activities of the Red Cross.

PEYTON A. HARRIS, son of Mr. and Mrs. Marshall W. Harris, formerly of this county, recently attained the rank of Eagle Scout. Peyton, 16, is the grandson of Mrs. Alice Kress, the late DeWitt T. Goin and the late Mr. and Mrs. Willis E. Harris, all of Appomattox County (Photo courtesy of the Richmond News Leader).

1980 'All American'

Vegies, flowers cited

The 1980 All-America selection contains one vegetable and four flowers. The Peter Pan Flame Zinnia is a silver medal winner, while others received bronze medals. Gold Rush Hybrid Zucchini is a golden squash that has the shape and flavor of the traditional green zucchini.

Each plant occupies only four square feet and will yield as many squash as the big, bushy plants. The fruit is set high so that the wind and sun can dry the soil at the plant's base and, therefore, reduces rotting.

Gold Rush is a good choice as a raw or cooked food.

Sangria Verbena is a low growing running flower that likes plenty of sunlight and well drained soil. Will need to be watered if weather becomes hot and dry. Seed can be planted outdoors after danger of frost.

Janie Marigold is a dwarf french, colored golden-orange. Height ranges from 6 to 10 inches high with 1 ½ to 1 ¾ inch flowers. Pinching old blooms encourages new growth.

Holiday Time pepper is an ornamental plant that can be massed into solid beds or used as an edging plant. A fully grown plant will fit into a quart jar. The thumb-size fruit are erect on the plant's top. They are very colorful and edible. These plants can be potted for interior use and will set fruit indoors, do not require hand or insect pollination for fruit set.

Peter Pan Flame Zinnia is a large flowering hybrid with blooms 2 ½ to 3 ¾ inches in diameter. Height is 12 to 24 inches. Plants begin blooming when they are 6 inches high. They respond to sunlight, regular application of plant food and water. Mildew problems are reduced if the foliage is not sprinkled.

Census help available for county residents

Did you notice the telephone number below your address on your 1980 census questionnaire?

W. Wayne Cunningham, manager of the local census office, says you may call the number if you need help in filling out your questionnaire. Your call will be answered by one of a team of trained census workers.

Some workers are bilingual and will be able to help callers who speak or read little or no English. Also, the number is to be used by persons who want to have a census questionnaire in Spanish sent to them. Number to call: 1-800-552-0963

Dates: March 28-April 14

Hours: 8:00 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Church slates blood film

A look at the inside of a beating heart and a personally guided tour through the 100,000-mile maze of blood vessels in the human body are in store for audiences [illegible] "Red River of Life" produced by Moody Institute of Science.

This film will be shown at the Friendship Baptist Church, located on Rt. 727, Appomattox, Va. The film will be shown this Sunday evening, at 6 p.m.

This fresh and dramatic approach to the story of the heart, the red blood cell and the circulatory system is the fruit of four years of intensive work by Dr. Irwin A. Moon and the staff of Moody Institute of Science in Whittier, California.

Inspired by the biblical phrase from the old Testament, "The Life of the flesh is in the blood" (Leviticus 17:11), scientists at MIS set out to explore the almost unknown story behind the mystery of life. They found that the human body is quite similar to an automobile - except for the fact that it has 30 trillion cylinders; that the human heart is the most powerful and precise pump for its size that can be found anywhere, and that the red blood cell is the key to one of the most amazing transportation systems ever devised.

In the film Dr. Moon uses an automobile engine to explain what makes the human machine tick. "They are similar," he says, "because they both need fuel, oxygen and removal of exhaust or waste gases." In an automobile engine these functions are performed by separate systems - fuel, air intake and exhaust - while in the human body, these are all performed through the bloodstream which acts as a combination fuel and exhaust.

The flying saucer shaped disc which makes this combination possible is the red blood cell. Were it a flat disc it wouldn't have the capacity needed to carry food and oxygen to the cells. Were it a sphere it would be too slow in absorbency to take on its load. As it is, the red blood cell, looking like a cross between a doughnut and a cracker, is just the thing needed to serve every cell in the body via the [illegible], twisting, turning course of the bloodstream.

But pumping blood is no ordinary task. To avoid damage to the red blood cells a special kind of pump is needed. It must have valves that are precise, powerful and yet gentle in action. The photograph the heart valves in action the MIS staff developed a new cardiac pulse duplicator. Pictures taken with this device show how the weirdly beautiful but efficient mitral and aortic valves can pump the blood without damage to the red blood cell - just as the Master Designer intended.

"All the study and research for the production of this film," said Dr. Moon, "have only emphasized the truth of the phrase found in only one chapter of the Bible. "The life of the flesh is in the blood." Certainly of far greater significance is the statement found literally hundreds of times throughout the Bible that spiritual life is to be had only through the blood of Christ."

Soil judging

Locals do well in contest

The soils judging team of the Nottoway County Young Farmers Association placed first in the annual area contest at Appomattox, March 27. Halifax County was runner-up. Third place went to Appomattox County and fourth to Buckingham Junior.

Members of the winning Nottoway team are Hugh Jones, Tracey Jones, and Robert Paulett. T. H. Jenkins is team coach.

Hugh Jones, Nottoway, finished first in individual scoring. Louis Ingram, Halifax, was second and Tracey Jones, Nottoway, third.

R. E. McClenny, Jr., District Conservationist, S-CS, selected the test plots and made official placings. B. K. Waddell, instructor of agriculture in the host Appomattox County High School, was in charge of local arrangements.

Highway travel drops off, says state

Travel on Virginia's major highways continued down in February, with a 2.24 per cent drop from the same month of 1979.

It was the ninth consecutive month that travel declined, the Virginia Department of Highways and Transportation said today.

Again, out-of-state passenger cars led the decline with a drop of 6.1 per cent compared to February, 1979, with travel by all passenger cars down 1.4 per cent. Virginia passenger car travel was down less than 1 per cent.

Commercial vehicle travel increased 4.3 per cent from the corresponding month in 1979.

The travel analysis was compiled from counts taken at 253 locations on Virginia's interstate, arterial, and primary highways, according to J. P. Mills, Jr., the department's traffic and safety engineer.

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RETIRING - William R. Van Dresser, left, talks with (from left) Mary Hille McCoy, East Central Extension leader for program development and staff orientation at Appomattox; Mary E. Harris, Southwest Extension leader for program support services at Abingdon; and John B. Shryock, Southwest District Extension leader for 4-H Educational Center and 4-H district activities at Abingdon, following retirement ceremonies at Virginia Tech's Donaldson Brown Center for Continuing Education. Harold A. Little, Northeast District Extension leader in program development and staff orientation, also retired but was unable to attend the ceremony. Miss Harris and Miss McCoy received cameras while Little and Shryock were given Tech captain's chairs. The quartet has more than a century of service with the Cooperative Extension Service.

Changes in grain program noted

By TOM CONRAD

Farmers are again this year being asked to report their planted acreages to the ASCS office.

The wheat and feed grain program will be different this year in that there is no set-aside and all farms that grow a program crop (wheat, corn, barley, grain sorghum) and report will be eligible for benefits. This will apply whether there is an NCA established for the farm or not. Benefits to be received for reporting are deficiency payments, disaster coverage and commodity loans.

Target prices have been announced and provide for two levels of price and disaster protection. Producers who want the advantages of the higher target prices must stay within their normal crop acreages. Producers who exceed their NCA will be eligible for the lower target price rates.

The target prices for producers who stay within their NCA will be $3.63 per bushel on wheat; $2.35 per bushel on corn; $2.50 per bushel on sorghum and $2.55 per bushel on barley.

Producers who exceed their NCA will be eligible for target price protection as follows: $3.08 per bushel for wheat; $3.05 for corn; $2.45 for sorghum and $2.29 for barley.

By simply reporting your acreages, you are covered. It's just a question of whether you want the higher or lower target protection rates. Another thing to consider is a disaster. I'm sure everyone remembers the drought in 1977. We don't want another one like it, but if we do have one, you are covered if you report your planted acreages.

There are deadlines for reporting your planted acreages and they are as follows: Barley and wheat acreage must be reported by May 1. Corn must be reported by June 30. Grain sorghum and soybeans must be reported by July 15. Producers who have barley and wheat planted are asked to come between now and May 2 to report. May 1 is not that far off so I urge you to come in just as soon as possible.

While on the subject of reporting planted acreages, fire and flue tobacco producers will need to report their acreages to be eligible for price support. Juen 30 will be the deadline for reporting these acreages.

ASCS Today

Deadline extended for May day pageant

Deadline for the May Day Queen pageant has been extended to April, according to Vicky Lucado.

The pageant is scheduled for May 17, and will be held at Appomattox County High School starting at 7 p.m.

Age groups include Baby Doll, 2-6; Tiny Miss, 6-8; Little Miss, 9-11, and May Day Queen, 12-15.

Anyone interested in participating in the pageant should call Vicky Lucado (352-7093), Pat Martin (352-8954), Ruby Roach (352-8662), Cheryl LeGrande (352-8454) or Nancy Elder (352-5311).

In Appomattox County

New insects reported

It is too late to seed winter oats was this week's most often asked question. Probably! Why? The real difference between winter oats and spring oats is the temperature requirements to break dormancy. Winter oats require a lower temperature than spring oats.

Suppose winter oats are seeded and dormancy isn't broken. What happens? They will probably germinate, but they will not form a seed head or at least a very small one and the height will probably be 6 to 8 inches high.

In summary, don't take the chance this late. Sow a spring oat variety.

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Two new insects at least to me! were identified from an Appomattox farm last week. They were the Brown Spider Beetle and Foreign Grain Beetle. They feed on stored seeds and grains. These were found in red clover seed.

Stay alert for stored grain insects even in winter. Sanitation is the beginning of any sound insect prevention program. Scattered grain needs to be controlled. Frequent sweeping usually takes care of this, but at times it will be necessary to use a shop vacuum to clean spilled or cracked grain from crevices.

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I don't know whether sunflowers will ever become the commercial oil crop for this area as they are in some parts of the country. They need to be looked at and at least considered. We can provide some different varieties for small trial plantings.

This is a good place to point out that sunflowers are a good choice for a wildlife feed patch.

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As we approach tobacco transplanting time, growers will have a choice to make. You can incorporate Ridomil in the top 2 to 4 inches of soil or wait and see if there is a blue mold problem and use as a preventive not treatment: Mameb, Zineb, Ferbam or Streptomycin Sulphate as a spray applied fungicide. Cost of materials would be about $25 for the Ridomil while $3 to $5 would be the cost of the other fungicides. Growers will need to consider whether adequate spray equipment is available, time to make spray applications(s) and costs for machine and labor when considering the trade-off.

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I'm looking for a maximum of five home gardeners interested in evaluating approximately six vegetable varieties. The seeds will be available at no cost. You will be asked to compare the test varieties with other varieties in the graden. If you are interested, please advise by April 7. We anticipate having seed available by April 15.

PRECIPITATION:

Last Week	1.73
This Month	.15
This Year	10.55

Walton set for junket

Cheryl Walton will leave next Saturday for her week-long trip to National 4-H Conference in Washington D.C. 4-H'ers from all 50 states will be represented at this program which emphasizes citizenship values. Cheryl is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd G. Walton and will be one of six 4-H'ers from Virginia attending the program. This trip is one of many awards that may be earned through Achievement Records.

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The Area Junior 4-H Contest involving 4-H'ers from Appomattox, Bedford, Amherst, Campbell, Halifax and Lynchburg) will be held at Appomattox Middle School on Saturday, April 26. 4-H'ers who were winners in the year's categories during the Saturday's County Competition Contest will be eligible to participate in this Area Contest.

Rhonda Nash and Allen [illegible] will represent Appomattox at Citizenship Washington D.C. Focus in full-of this year. This excellent event, held at the National 4-H Center provides opportunities for 4-H'ers to meet and learn about the

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